

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

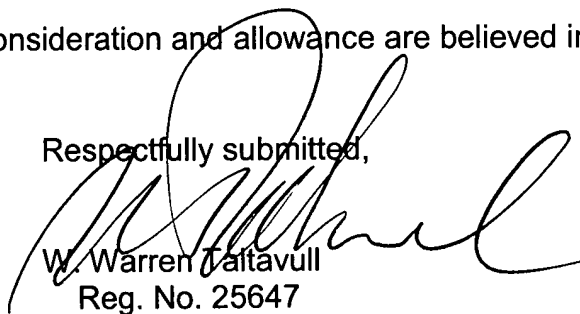
The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3-15 is gratefully acknowledged and these claims have been rewritten in independent form pursuant to the Examiner's proposal.

In order to clarify the structure of both the connecting means and transmission means, currently amended claim 1 now includes a transmission means extending between the connecting means and the engine. Claim 1 has also been amended to include the transmission means transmitting thrust from the engine to the vehicle via connecting means.

Entry of this amendment is solicited and is believed to distinguish the invention from the cited references.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance are believed in order and are solicited.

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